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VIRTUAL LIBRARY COURIER SERVICE COMES TO ROWAN TECH

Students and faculty at Rowan County Technical College now have access to free delivery of interlibrary loans, thanks to a ground courier service provided by the Kentucky Virtual Library.

"We are all very excited! This service gives us access to resources across Kentucky," said Jane Hearn, Professor at Rowan Tech. "

The library-to-library delivery service makes it possible for residents anywhere in the state to request a book or resource held at another library and have it delivered to the requesting library in as little as 24 hours. Locally, this service is also available at the Rowan County Public Library and Morehead State University.

"This is one of the KYVL initiatives to make information resources easily and quickly accessible to all Kentuckians," explained Ling-yuh W. (Miko) Pattie, the director of the KYVL.

"Our first delivery was so exciting, we took pictures with the courier!" said Hearn.

The KYVL is a part of the Kentucky Virtual University and is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Through the KYVL, Kentuckians can access more than 30 electronic databases with more than 5,000 full-text journal and newspaper titles and online library catalogs with nearly 10 million volumes housed in Kentucky libraries.

Residents can also request scanned journal articles to be delivered electronically. Visit the KYVL website at www.kyvl.org or call the library's call center toll-free at 1-877-588-5288, Monday- Friday, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.